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For: NONVOLATILE SEMICONDUCTOR
STORAGE DEVICE AND ROW-LINE SHORT
DEFECT DETECTION METHOD

Examiner: D. Lam

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated May 2, 2006 (Paper No. 20060427), for which a response was due on July 2, 2006. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 6 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.